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General Comment	FFS believes that environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects have to be taken into account by the retail insurance industry, both when designing, testing and monitoring the insurance products and when defining the marketing and distribution strategy. Insurance industry play a key role in influencing clients' investment decisions: considering ESG factors is crucial not only from an ethical and reputational standpoint but also from a financial one, as ESG aspects might have strong impacts on	

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	performances. Therefore, non-financial information need to be properly communicated to the target audience, that has to be duly informed about ESG risks and opportunities related to the products.	
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Question 7	FFS agrees with the proposed high level principles for the granularity of the target market and suggests to highlight the importance of taking into account also nonfinancial (ESG) aspects in the identification of the target market, while also stressing their financial materiality in terms of risk analysis and management. In addition to the materiality aspect, integrating ESG considerations has an ethical dimension which is becoming increasingly important for investors, both institutional and individual.  Indeed, a research carried out in Italy by the Italian Sustainable Investment Forum "Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile" and Doxametrics (2013) has shown that 47% of the individual investors involved in the survey¹ stated to be willing to change their investment decisions according to sustainability criteria.  This trend is also confirmed by the SRI market figures: the European SRI Study 2016 evidence a relevant growth ofresponsible investments in the retail market.	
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  The survey covered 1000 Italian individual investors, aged between 30 and 50.

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Question 14	Inducements should also be based on qualitative aspects as well as on environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria. thus encouraging professionals to design and distribute more sustainable products and to raise awareness among their clients on ESG related risks and their financial materiality.  As an example, insurance products tackling an urgent issue such as climate change should benefit of inducements.	
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